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## Public Input Sought for Walpole Downtown Action Plan

'Downtown Action Plan' will identify strategies and actions for economic growth, development

Walpole – Do you live or work in **Walpole**? Are you interested in helping to shape the community's vision and strategy for economic development and growth in Walpole's downtown?

Join the Town of Walpole and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) for a public "Open House" meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Walpole Public Library located at 143 School Street. The meeting will give the public an opportunity to identify strategies to increase the economic vitality and overall vibrancy of the downtown area.

The event will be an Open House between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Participants will be able to voice opinions that will help MAPC and the Town develop and prioritize community and economic development goals and strategies for the downtown; take part in mapping and visual preference exercises that will help to prioritize new opportunities for retail, housing and/or office development, as well as improved connections in the downtown; and view findings from the current conditions and market analysis report.

An overview presentation will kick off the event and will be replayed throughout the evening to accommodate attendee schedules.

The **Walpole Downtown Action Plan** project commenced in October 2014. Funding for this effort was provided by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development's Planning Assistance Toward Housing (PATH) program, and through MAPC and the U.S. Economic Development Agency (EDA).

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